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ness. She arouses the reader to reflection, stimulates his curiosity, defies his conventionality and modernness, contributes to his faith in the worth of experience. The rugged and picturesque life of hardship is always a tonic to the jaded products of urbanity.

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#### NOVEMBER FROST

Austerity of autumn evenings!

The sunset in the stubble is aglow;

There is no wind beneath, but, deep and slow,

The pines are stirring with vague murmurings:

They hear the beating of far northern wings,

And brace them 'gainst the unseen, hurrying foe:

Soon we shall hear them laboring in the snow,

And groaning in the dark as the storm sings.

My restlessness is passing; I descry

The calmer passion of the eternal world,

The mother-kindness of the pearl-grey sky.

My changeful thoughts were with the dry leaves whirled;

But all their intricate desires are lost

Beneath the fierceness of the unyielding frost.

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